



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank you all for your continued support through what are proving to be extremely challenging times. We appreciate that like us, you are helping to ensure that everyone remains as safe as they possibly can. The drop off and collection times appear to be working successfully and it is lovely to see such happy children arriving for school each day.

DLPS Children

We have been extremely impressed with how well our children have adapted to the new COVID-19 safe procedures. They have been incredibly well behaved, sensible and helpful. Thank you to all our children, we are very proud of you all.

COVID-19

Last week at school there were two children who tested positive for COVID-19, which will understandably cause concern in the school community. At school, we have very strict hygiene measures in place and an extremely comprehensive risk assessment which is being followed. The Health and Safety of our whole community is of vital importance, particularly at this time. It is essential that we all work together to keep our school open and all of our pupils, parents, carers and staff safe and well. Under current government guidance, school attendance should be treated in the same way as it was prior to Covid-19. This is government guidance which DLPS must follow. Understandably at this time, some families may feel anxious about sending their child/children to school, please get in touch with school and we will try our best to offer support and reassurance. Thank you.

North East Local Restrictions

The most recent local restrictions are outlined here:

Changes to rules around households mixing

Other households cannot visit you in your home or garden, unless they're in your support bubble. You cannot meet people you don't live with in their home or garden, whether it is in the affected areas or not, unless they're in your support bubble.

Childcare

Childcare settings including childminders, before/after school clubs and nannies can still be used. Children of parents who are separated can continue to move between households.

Travel

Pupils are advised to walk, cycle or scoot to and from school where possible. If this is not possible you can use your own car or public transport, rather than car sharing etc.

Further information on the recent restrictions introduced last Friday, can be found here

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/localrestrictions>

Please see the attached flyer – '[Can my child go to school today?](#)' This will help to support you about when to send your child to school.

Social Distancing

The drop off and collection times for our children seem to be successful. However, it still gets very busy during this period, this is because we are a large primary school. You are all following the entrance, exits and one-way systems around the site, thank you. We would also like to suggest that parents and carers wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child/children. Obviously, this is all in an attempt to you keep



you all as safe as possible. We cannot enforce this but we do realise how tricky it is to practise social distancing at these very busy times. If you need to approach staff when on the site, they will speak to you outside the classrooms or around the site. Please remember to practice social distancing when speaking to staff. Thank you.

If you have a pre-arranged appointment to come into school, then you will need to wear a face covering when you enter the building. We have been advised that all visitors who now enter the premises MUST wear a face covering. Please note this does NOT APPLY to children and staff.

European Day of Languages

It is European Day of Languages on Saturday 26th September. To celebrate this, Lingotots have put together an online festival for children on Friday 25th September. This will include live-streaming language classes in Spanish, French, Italian, Welsh, Arabic, Chinese, Dutch & German. For the children who are completing home learning activities, the links to these sessions will be posted on Google Classrooms closer to them time for them to still enjoy. Thank you from Miss Smith.

Home Reading Books

Children should have all been given a home reading book. Because of quarantine restrictions, we can only change books once a week. New reading books will be given to children every Monday and should be returned to school by Friday of the same week. The blue bin will no longer be outside the school gates. Books need to be returned to the correct classes. The books will then be quarantined over the weekend to start the process again each Monday. If you would like any additional reading books, please let your child's teacher know. Thank you.

Homework

We want our children to become more familiar with working online (where possible) in case of further lockdowns restrictions. Therefore, most homework will be sent home remotely. As well as reading books, children will be given a weekly assignment on Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars. There will also be a piece of homework uploaded to Google classrooms for children to access. Children will be taught how to access all their online homework at school. A paper copy of homework will also be available for children who cannot access the internet. Please contact the school office if you have any queries. Teachers can be contacted directly via Google Classroom. Thank you.

Non-Uniform Days

We are really going to miss our fundraising events this year. The money we raise always goes back into buying resources for the school. In recent years we have bought new reading books and play equipment. Because of current restrictions, we won't be able to have our usual Enterprise Fayre this year. Instead, we are going to fundraise by holding a non-uniform day each half term. We will donate a percentage of the monies raised to the NHS Charities Together. Every non-uniform day will have a colour theme to depict the colours of the rainbow. Our first non-uniform day will be on Friday 23rd October. We suggest a £1 donation. Thank you.

School Dinners

We will be introducing school hot lunches from the following dates:

INFANTS Classes 1,2,3,4,5,6 Monday - 5th October 2020

JUNIORS Classes 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 – 12th October 2020

We will be sending out an electronic form for you to be able to pre-select your child's lunch. More details will follow in the coming days.

In the meantime, please have a look at the menu attached.

After School Childcare

After School Childcare re-opens on Monday 21st September. We have a small number of bookings for the coming week. If you would like to access childcare for your child/children, please send an email to delveslaneprimary@durhamearning.net and the admin staff will be in touch. The sessions run from after school until 5.30pm and the cost is £7 per child, per session. Sessions MUST BE PRE-BOOKED and PRE-PAID.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will resume on Monday 28th September. Parents and Carers must PRE-BOOK and PRE-PAY FOR ALL SESSIONS. Sessions are £2 per child. Parents and Carers will be able to drop children off at the main

pedestrian gate between 7.50 – 8.00am ONLY each day. Mrs Bell will be at the gate to meet families. Parents and Carers WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DRIVE INTO THE CAR PARK. Children will not be able to come to Breakfast Club after 8am each day due to new COVID-19 restrictions. Thank you for your understanding.

If you are interested in accessing Breakfast Club, please email the school at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net and a member of the admin team will be in touch. Thank you.

Many thanks for all your continued support.

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